The 1st advance estimates of production of major kharif crops for the year 2006-07 would emerge in September/October, 2006.

Industries set up through KVIC in Uttaranchal

2283. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Khadi, Woollen, Silky soft fine woolen and Hasthkargha, etc. industries set up under various programmes of Government through KVIC in Uttaranchal during the last three years, programme-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of persons employed in these industries in the State during the last three years alongwith value of their products; and

(c) the assistance Government are providing to promote these industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Khadi activities are implemented in Uttaranchal through 37 institutions affiliated to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)/Uttaranchal Khadi and Village Industries Board. The year-wise details of the value of production of khadi items as well as the number of persons employed in cotton and woollen khadi sectors in Uttaranchal during the last three years, are given below:

Year	Production of khadi items in Uttaranchal			
	Cotton Value (Rs. lakh)	Khadi Employment (lakh persons)	Woollen Value (Rs. lakh)	Khadi Employment (lakh persons)
2003-04	600.63	0.20	437.63	0.06
2004-05	722.71	0.21	334.92	0.05
2005-06	737.48	0.22	341.82	0.05

There was no production of silk khadi in Uttaranchal during this period nor was any new khandi silk institution set up.

(c) The Central Government, through KVIC, has been implementing

the following schemes/programmes for the development of khadi industry throughout the country:

(i)Credit at the concessional rate of interest of 4 per cent per annum is provided by banks as per the assessed requirement of the institutions registered with the KVIC/State KVIBs under the Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme.

(ii) Provision of funds for payment of rebate on sales of khadi.

(iii) Assistance for improved design and packaging of khadi and khadi products under the Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme, implemented by KVIC since 2002-03.

(iv) Assisting under Rural Industries Service Centres (RISC) Scheme (started in 2004-05) for setting up common facility centres to provide common infrastructural support and services to khadi institutions.

(v) Assistance to khadi institutions to participate in exhibitions at the national and sub-national levels, etc., for improving marketing of khadi products.

The Central Government provides grant to KVIC for implementing schemes/programmes for the development of khadi industry through6ut the country, including Uttaranchal. Loans are also provided by banks as per the requirement of the schemes/programmes. During 2005-06, loan of Rs. 2.61 crore has been availed of by the implementing institutions in Uttaranchal from banks under the ISEC Scheme.

Generation of special employment through KVIC

†2284. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to generate special employment through Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.